

LaMalfa amendment (No. 24 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that expands the definition of “hazard trees” identified and removed along electric power lines as part of a utility’s vegetation management plan to trees within 50 feet, from 10 feet; such plans will also be automatically approved after 60 days; **Pages H1609–10**

Luna amendment (No. 28 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that requires GAO to publish a report on the impact of wind energy, including the adverse effects of wind energy on military readiness, marine environment, and tourism, before the Secretary of the Interior can publish or hold a lease sale for energy development in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico Planning Area, the South Atlantic Planning Area, or the Straits of Florida Planning Area; and **Pages H1613–14**

Luna amendment (No. 29 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that expresses the sense of Congress that major components of wind infrastructure, including turbines, are imported in large quantities from other countries including countries that are national security threats, such as the Government of the People’s Republic of China. **Pages H1614–15**

Rejected:

Perry amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that sought to prohibit the Delaware River Basin Commission, Susquehanna River Basin Commission, and the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing any regulations relating to hydraulic fracturing other than those issued by the State in which the regulation is to be implemented or enforced (by a recorded vote of 210 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 172); **Pages H1592–93, H1600–01**

Perry amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that sought to repeal section 115 of the Clean Air Act (by a recorded vote of 96 ayes to 336 noes, Roll No. 173); **Pages H1593–95, H1601**

Grijalva amendment (No. 19 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that sought to strike Section 20103, which requires the Secretary of Interior to resolve any protest to a lease sale within 60 days; and **Page H1605**

Levin amendment (No. 27 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that sought to specify that Division B shall not take effect until the Council on Environmental Quality, in consultation with affected Federal agencies, certifies that all agencies have the funding and staffing capacity to meet the Division’s new timelines for environmental review without reducing the quality of such review. **Pages H1612–13**

Proceedings Postponed:

Westerman amendment (No. 20 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that seeks to prohibit the Communist Party of China (or a person acting on behalf

of the Communist Party of China) from acquiring any interest with respect to American farmland or any lands used for American renewable energy production; **Pages H1605–06**

Leger Fernandez amendment (No. 25 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that seeks to require each local unit of the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and Forest Service to develop a plan to disseminate and advertise open civil service positions with functions relating to permitting and natural resources in their offices; each plan shall include outreach to local high schools, community colleges, institutions of higher education, and any other relevant institutions; and **Pages H1610–11**

Levin amendment (No. 26 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that seeks to strike Title V of Division B, to prevent the bill from repealing the Inflation Reduction Act’s reforms to the oil and gas leasing program. **Pages H1611–12**

H. Res. 260, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1) was agreed to yesterday, March 28th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 30th. **Page H1615**

Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to South Sudan that was declared on April 3, 2014 is to continue in effect beyond April 3, 2023—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–19). **Page H1615**

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to significant malicious cyber-enabled activities that was declared on April 1, 2015 is to continue in effect beyond April 1, 2023—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–20). **Pages H1615–16**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1597, H1597–98, H1598–99, H1599, H1600, H1600–01, and H1601.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Merrick Garland, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. NAVY AND U.S. MARINE CORPS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps. Testimony was heard from Carlos Del Toro, Secretary, Department of the Navy; Admiral Michael M. Gilday, Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy; and General David H. Berger, Commandant, Department of the Marine Corps.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee Homeland Security held a budget hearing on the Department of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES OF RURAL AMERICA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Addressing the Challenges of Rural America”. Testimony was heard from Lenita Jacobs-Simmons, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; Ruth Ryder, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Programs, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education; Tom Morris, Associate Administrator for Rural Health Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Laura Scheibe, Director for Career and Technical Education, South Dakota Department of Education; and public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Dennis McDonough, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a budget hearing on the Department of the Treasury International Programs. Testimony was heard from Janet Yellen, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation. Testimony was heard from Michael L. Connor, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works); Lieutenant General Scott A. Spellmon, Chief of Engineers and Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and Camille Calimlim Touton, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Department of the Interior.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. CAPITOL POLICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the U.S. Capitol Police. Testimony was heard from J. Thomas Manger, Chief of Police, U.S. Capitol Police.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Food and Drug Administration. Testimony was heard from Robert M. Califf, M.D., Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS—BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Park Service. Testimony was heard from the following Department of the Interior officials: Tracy Stone-Manning, Director, Bureau of Land Management; Martha Williams, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and Charles F. Sams III, Director, National Park Service.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a budget hearing on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Testimony was heard from Gary Gensler, Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission.

FISCAL YEAR 2024 DEFENSE BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2024 Defense Budget

Request”. Testimony was heard from Lloyd J. Austin III, Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; and General Mark A. Milley, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL CHIEFS: PERSONNEL POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Military Department Personnel Chiefs: Personnel Posture”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Douglas F. Stitt, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, U.S. Army; Vice Admiral Richard Cheeseman, Jr., Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Personnel, U.S. Navy; Lieutenant General Caroline Miller, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Personnel, U.S. Air Force; Lieutenant General James Glynn, Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, U.S. Marine Corps; and Katharine Kelley, Senior Executive Service, Deputy Chief of Space Operations for Human Capital, U.S. Space Force.

FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR FIXED-WING TACTICAL AND TRAINING AIRCRAFT PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request of the Department of Defense for Fixed-Wing Tactical and Training Aircraft Programs”. Testimony was heard from Andrew P. Hunter, Senior Executive Service, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; Lieutenant General Richard G. Moore, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs (HAF/A8), U.S. Air Force; Frederick Stefany, Senior Executive Service, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition (Acting), and Senior Acquisition Executive for the F-35 Program (SAE/F-35); Rear Admiral Andrew Loiselle, Director, Air Warfare Division (OPNAV/N98), U.S. Navy; Lieutenant General Michael S. Cederholm, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, U.S. Marine Corps; Lieutenant General Michael J. Schmidt, F-35 Program Executive Officer (JPO), U.S. Air Force; and Jon Ludwigson, USG Civilian, Director, Contracting and National Security Acquisitions, Government Accountability Office.

FISCAL STATE OF THE UNION

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Fiscal State of the Union”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DIVERSITY OF THOUGHT: PROTECTING FREE SPEECH ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development held a hearing entitled “Diversity of Thought: Protecting Free Speech on College Campuses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FISCAL YEAR 2024 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2024 Department of Health and Human Services Budget”. Testimony was heard from Xavier Becerra, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

TAKING THE BUZZER BEATER TO THE BANK: PROTECTING COLLEGE ATHLETES’ NIL DEALMAKING RIGHTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce held a hearing entitled “Taking the Buzzer Beater to the Bank: Protecting College Athletes’ NIL Dealmaking Rights”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FOLLOW THE MONEY: OVERSIGHT OF PRESIDENT BIDEN’S MASSIVE SPENDING SPREE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Follow the Money: Oversight of President Biden’s Massive Spending Spree”. Testimony was heard from Teri L. Donaldson, Inspector General, Department of Energy; Mark Gaffigan, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Peggy E. Gustafson, Inspector General, Department of Commerce; and Sean O’Donnell, Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

THE FEDERAL REGULATORS’ RESPONSE TO RECENT BANK FAILURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Federal Regulators’ Response to Recent Bank Failures”. Testimony was heard from Martin J. Gruenberg, Chairman, Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Michael S. Barr, Vice Chair for Supervision, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve; and Nellie Liang, Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, Department of Treasury.

OVERSIGHT, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF UKRAINE ASSISTANCE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight, Transparency, and Accountability of Ukraine Assistance”. Testimony was

heard from Nicole L. Angarella, Acting Deputy Inspector General, performing the duties of the Inspector General, U.S. Agency for International Development; Diana R. Shaw, Deputy Inspector General performing the duties of the Inspector General, Department of State; and Robert P. Storch, Inspector General, Department of Defense.

EXAMINING U.S. SANCTIONS POLICY, IMPLEMENTATION, AND ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Accountability held a hearing entitled “Examining U.S. Sanctions Policy, Implementation, and Enforcement”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HEARING ON COMPLIANCE WITH COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Responsiveness and Accountability to Oversight held a hearing entitled “Hearing on Compliance with Committee Oversight”. Testimony was heard from Christopher Dunham, Acting Assistant Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Gwen Graham, Assistant Secretary, Department of Education; and Jeanne Bumpus, Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Federal Trade Commission.

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVING HEALTHCARE DELIVERY IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs held a hearing entitled “Challenges and Opportunities for Improving Healthcare Delivery in Tribal Communities”. Testimony was heard from Roselyn Tso, Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

OVERDUE OVERSIGHT OF THE CAPITAL CITY: PART I

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Overdue Oversight of the Capital City: Part I”. Testimony was heard from Charles Allen, Councilmember, Council of the District of Columbia; Glen Lee, Chief Financial Officer, Washington D.C.; Phil Mendelson, Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia; and a public witness.

LOGIN.GOV DOESN'T MEET THE STANDARD

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce held a hearing entitled “Login.gov Doesn't Meet the Standard”. Testimony was heard from Carol Fortine Ochoa, Inspector General, Gen-

eral Services Administration; Sonny Hashmi, Commissioner, Federal Acquisition Service, General Services Administration; and Jim St. Pierre, Acting Director, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Full Committee held a markup on H.J. Res. 42, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022. H.J. Res. 42 was ordered reported, without amendment.

FUELING UNAFFORDABILITY: HOW THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S POLICIES CATALYZED GLOBAL ENERGY SCARCITY AND COMPOUNDED INFLATION

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Fueling Unaffordability: How the Biden Administration's Policies Catalyzed Global Energy Scarcity and Compounded Inflation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 676, the “Coastal Communities Ocean Acidification Act of 2023”; H.R. 1482, the “NOAA Weather Radio Modernization Act of 2023”; H.R. 1496, the “National Weather Service Communications Improvement Act”; H.R. 1713, the “DOE and USDA Interagency Research Act”; H.R. 1715, the “Advanced Weather Model Computing Development Act”; H.R. 1734, the “TRANQ Research Act”; and H.R. 1735, the “Mathematical and Statistical Modeling Education Act”. H.R. 676, H.R. 1482, H.R. 1496, and H.R. 1715 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 1713, H.R. 1734, and H.R. 1735 were ordered reported, as amended.

HIGHLIGHTING THE ROLE OF SMALL BUSINESSES IN DOMESTIC ENERGY PRODUCTION

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Energy, and Supply Chains held a hearing entitled “Highlighting the Role of Small Businesses in Domestic Energy Production”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 234, the “Gerald's Law Act”; H.R. 854, the “Captain James C. Edge Gold Star Spouse

Equity Act”; H.R. 984, the “Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act”; H.R. 1139, the “GUARD VA Benefits Act”; H.R. 1329, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the maximum number of judges who may be appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; H.R. 1378, the “Veterans’ Appeals Backlog Improvement Act”; H.R. 1529, the “Veterans’ Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2023”; and H.R. 1530, the “Veterans Benefits Improvement Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bergman, Ciscomani, Levin, Luttrell, Pappas, and Self; Kevin J. Friel, Deputy Director of the Pension and Fiduciary Service, Department of Veterans Affairs; Cheryl Rawls, Executive Director, Department of Veterans Affairs; Christa A. Shriber, Deputy Chief Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 41, the “VA Same-Day Scheduling Act of 2023”; H.R. 562, the “Improving Veterans Access to Congressional Services Act of 2023”; H.R. 808, the “Veterans Patient Advocacy Act”; H.R. 754, the “Modernizing Veterans’ Health Care Eligibility Act”; H.R. 693, the “Veterans Affairs Medical Center Absence and Notification Timeline Act”; H.R. 1089, the “VA Medical Center Facility Transparency Act”; H.R. 366, the “Korean American VALOR Act”; H.R. 542, the “Elizabeth Dole Home-and Community-Based Services for Veterans and Caregivers Act of 2023”; and H.R. 1256, the “Veterans Health Administration Leadership Transformation Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Baird, Lesko, Mast, Moolenaar, and Womack; Scotte R. Hartronft, Executive Director, Department of Veterans Affairs; Alfred A. Montoya, Jr., Deputy Assistant Under Secretary for Health Operations, Department of Veterans Affairs; David Perry, Chief Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

WELFARE IS BROKEN: RESTORING WORK REQUIREMENTS TO LIFT AMERICANS OUT OF POVERTY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Work and Welfare held a hearing entitled “Welfare is Broken: Restoring Work Requirements to Lift Americans Out of Poverty”. Testimony was heard from Shakirah Francis, Employment Services Social Work Supervisor, Department of Social Services Employment Services Division, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina; and public witnesses.

BUDGET HEARING ON THE NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE AND THE NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture held a hearing entitled “Budget hearing on the National Reconnaissance Office and the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency”. Testimony was heard from Chris Scolese, Director, National Reconnaissance Office, Department of Defense; and Vice Admiral Frank Whitworth, Director, National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Conservation, Climate, Forestry, and Natural Resources, to hold hearings to examine forestry in the Farm Bill, focusing on the importance of America’s forests, 10:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight, to hold hearings to examine petrochemicals to waste, focusing on the lifecycle, environmental, and climate effects of plastic, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine pharmacy benefit managers and the prescription drug supply chain, focusing on the impact on patients and taxpayers, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Nicole D. Theriot, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, Ann Marie Yastishock, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, Robin Dunnigan, of California, to be Ambassador to Georgia, and David J. Kostelancik, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.